

from Secretary Eric Shinseki of the Department of Veterans Affairs on May 10, 2011.

Ms. Andrulot is a resident of Moberly, Missouri, and has been employed by the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital as a licensed practical nurse since 1994. After graduating from Ivy Tech State College in Bloomington, Indiana, Faith worked at Bloomington Hospital. Following her time there, she came to Columbia, Missouri, to the Truman Veterans' Hospital.

Faith has worked as a medical surgical nurse in the Virginia community and in the private sector, at the Community Living Center, in hospice care, specialty clinics, and Primary Care clinics. Ms. Andrulot has played a part in the Root Cause analysis team, helping to advance patient safety. In her free time, she works as a member of the LPN Standards Board and the Patient Aligned Care Team.

The Department of Veterans Affairs honors local recipients for the Excellence in Nursing Award. Ms. Andrulot was one of only 21 nurses chosen at the network level to progress to the national level. We recognize her today for her strong, team-oriented approach to improving the care of our nation's veterans. Her colleagues, husband, and three children are very proud of the work she has done to better her community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring Faith Andrulot on her great accomplishment of receiving this prestigious award.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CLINTON RIVER WATERSHED
COUNCIL COMMUNITY OUTREACH
DIRECTOR DAN KEIFER

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 13, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize the dedicated service of Clinton River Watershed Council, CRWC, Community Outreach Director Dan Keifer. On May 18, 2011, Dan will retire after 10 years on the job with the watershed. Prior to the CRWC, Dan founded the Friends of Clinton River Trail, and remains an active member of the Oakland Land Conservancy and Challenge Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Without question, he has been a tireless advocate and supporter of water quality issues throughout Macomb and Oakland County. Despite the challenges, Dan has remained a vital team member of the CRWC, facing any problem head-on. He has done an exceptional job promoting the Clinton River, Lake St. Clair and supporting waterways in the area. He has successfully undertaken a public awareness campaign properly informing the people about the history and unique story of the watershed. His work has highlighted the importance of this wonderful natural resource and the urgency to protect and revive this pristine treasure which is literally in our backyards.

After joining the CRWC in 2002, Dan's devoted efforts have played a key role in getting people to take advantage of the numerous recreational opportunities available to them like kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking, biking, swimming and much much more. And he has been on the frontlines to maintain and en-

hance the bountiful habitats of the various species of fish and wildlife that call the watershed home by setting up countless cleanup events. These initiatives have helped improve the quality of life for residents and the overall environmental health of surrounding communities. Furthermore, a vibrant and clean waterway also has a tremendous economic impact on local businesses which depend on the watershed, like golf courses and apple orchards, just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, Dan has also been a strong leader by forming new relationships among various partners and stakeholders involved with the watershed. Whether it is the public or private sector, there is now a desire to open the line of communication to accomplish a common goal. His work has certainly advanced the mission of the Clinton River Watershed Council, which is to protect, enhance, and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair.

As a lifelong boater and someone who has lived on the water my entire life, I have witnessed firsthand the great work performed by the CRWC. It has been my privilege to work with the CRWC and Mr. Keifer on numerous issues.

I commend Mr. Keifer for all his hard work and achievements during his tenure with the CRWC. I know Dan has always had our community's best interests at heart, which is evident by his lifetime of accomplishments. We are fully cognizant of the fact we are not doing our job if we do not provide a better future for our children and the next generation to follow.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I want to extend my best wishes to Mr. Dan Keifer on this special occasion. He will be severely missed, but his presence will still be felt by those who continue to serve at the CRWC. I hope he enjoys his retirement and I thank him for his service to the citizens of the State of Michigan. His work is officially recognized and greatly appreciated.

HONORING MARY BUSTILLO
DONOHUE

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend and longtime colleague, Mary Bustillo Donohue, on being honored by the Paramus Catholic High School Alumni Foundation for 31 years of dedication as a Spanish teacher and Chair of the Modern Language Department. Mary's list of accomplishments and causes to which she has devoted herself is as impressive as it is extensive. I am very fortunate and proud to have such a compassionate and hardworking individual as a member of my staff.

Mary was born on February 14, 1925 in Havana, Cuba, where she spent the first 8 years of her life until her family moved to New York City to escape the repressive Cuban government. Mary's passion for both education and civic involvement was instilled by her parents at an early age. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. and summa cum laude with an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey. Mary later pursued a Ph.D. in Spanish Literature at New York Uni-

versity, but the economic pressures of having five of her eight children in college during that time interrupted her studies and she was only able to complete 69 of the 72 credits required to obtain the degree. She became certified as a teacher and joined the faculty of Paramus Catholic Regional Boys High School, eventually becoming the Chair of the Modern Language Department and the school's first female administrator. She also served as an Adjunct Professor of Spanish Literature at Seton Hall University for 7 years.

Mary and her family moved to River Edge, New Jersey, where she quickly became involved in her church and in local political and civic causes. At St. Peter the Apostle Church, she was elected to serve on her parish's council, taught religious school, served as both a Lector and a Eucharist Minister, and became involved in various ministries. Mary joined the River Edge Democratic Club and went on to serve as Committeewoman for District 4 for 50 years. Mary was the first woman to ever be elected to the River Edge Council, where she served two terms. She was the first Hispanic-American ever elected to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders. As a Freeholder, Mary's commitment to education was instrumental in creating the Bergen County Academies. She was elected to serve as a member of the Democratic National Committee during both of President Bill Clinton's terms in office, and was subsequently elected Chair of the DNC's Hispanic Caucus during that time. As a member of New Jersey's Hispanic Task Force, she helped empower and register Latino voters across the State. Under Governor Jim Florio, Mary served on New Jersey's Democratic State Platform Committee, drafting the component addressing environmental issues. In 1991, she ran as the Democratic candidate for New Jersey Senate in District 39, and although she did not win, her drive and desire to improve her community was hardly deterred. Mary is one of the founding members of the Latino American Democratic Association of Bergen County, LADA, an organization that was formed in 1993 and continues to grow today. She was appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman to the Historic New Bridge Landing Park Commission, where she led efforts to rename the River Edge Post Office Sub-station as the New Bridge Landing Post Office, to obtain State Park recognition for Historic New Bridge Landing, and to rename the North Hackensack, New Jersey, Transit Station as Historic New Bridge Landing at River Edge. Mary continues to serve devotedly as the Vice Chair of this commission.

As a member of my staff in Hackensack, Mary works tirelessly to assist constituents with immigration and citizenship issues. Even outside of her diligent efforts as a Congressional caseworker, Mary is always striving to serve others in her community—whether she is teaching Spanish to senior citizens in Teaneck, working to beautify River Edge, or volunteering on a local Democratic campaign, I am in awe of Mary's boundless energy and devotion to civic duty. And yet, despite Mary's lifetime of accomplishments—of which there are too many to list here in their entirety—her proudest achievement is the beautiful family she created with her loving husband, Jerry Donohue. Throughout their 57 years of marriage, until his passing in 2003, Jerry and Mary remained steadfastly supportive of each